

Senate Joint Resolution No. 4

RESOLUTION CHAPTER 36

Senate Joint Resolution No. 4—Relative to the federal Older Americans Act of 1965.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SJR 4, Monning. Reauthorization of the federal Older Americans Act of 1965.

This measure would memorialize the President and Congress of the United States to enact appropriate legislation reauthorizing the federal Older Americans Act of 1965.

WHEREAS, In 2006, Congress reauthorized the federal Older Americans Act of 1965 in its entirety, effective through the 2011 fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, The federal Older Americans Act of 1965 has not been reauthorized since 2006, although it was updated in 2009 and funding for its programs has been authorized since that date on an annual basis; and

WHEREAS, The congressional appropriations staff continue to stress the tight spending caps on discretionary programs imposed by the Balanced Budget Act of 1997; and

WHEREAS, A substantial number of older Americans living in the State of California will be at risk if there are significant reductions in allocated funds for the programs funded by the act; and

WHEREAS, Further delay in the reauthorization of the federal Older Americans Act of 1965 will erode the capacity of the act's various structures to deliver services to meet the needs of older Americans; and

WHEREAS, The federal Older Americans Act of 1965 should immediately be reauthorized to preserve the aging network's role in home- and community-based services, maintain the advocacy and consumer directed focus of the act, and give area agencies on aging increased flexibility in planning and delivering services to vulnerable older Americans; and

WHEREAS, The federal Older Americans Act of 1965 should be funded in the same manner in which the act has been funded for the past 48 years; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate and the Assembly of the State of California, jointly, That the Legislature memorializes the President and the Congress of the United States to enact appropriate legislation that would reauthorize the federal Older Americans Act of 1965; and be it further

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of this resolution to the President and Vice President of the United States, to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, to the Majority Leader of the

Senate, to the Chairman of the Senate Special Committee on Aging, to each Senator and Representative from California in the Congress of the United States, and to the author for appropriate distribution.

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